

## IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

In Norwich a half century ago the contracts for the excavating for the court house were awarded and work was immediately started. The first vehicle passed over the new Preston bridge which was practically the same bridge of the present day. Other items of interest was the leaving of many French and Germans to take part in the Prussian-Franco war which was just starting. Extracts from The Bulletin's files of '70 follow:

July 25, 1870—At the time of adjournment there was before the state legislature a petition of the horse railway company of this city for authority to lay track on any street in the city or town of Norwich on obtaining the consent of the town. By the vote of the

company is empowered to charge a fare of five cents which through the means of the internal revenue tax will be increased one cent.

The engineer's first annual report of the condition of the city's water works embodies a statement of the work from its inception to its completion and is not only interesting to the friends of the institution but valuable as showing the original feeling of the public in regard to the proposed plan.

Thomas Keefe drove a truck over the Preston bridge on Saturday evening—the first vehicle that has crossed.

July 26, 1870—John Murphy has taken the contract to excavate the cellar and build the cellar walls for the new court house, for \$12,000 and J. A. Smith

the basement story, which is in reality the first story of the building for \$18,350. The material will be rough granite for the cellar walls and cut granite for the basement story.

Despatches from London state that the Prussians have crossed the French frontier and that a skirmish took place in which the French were repulsed. Many local people of German birth have already applied to the consul for passports to the Fatherland. The French are also leaving for their native land, many of them enlisting in the French army that is being raised in Canada.

July 27, 1870—People who read their papers at the breakfast table in the cool of the morning have little idea of the discomforts of those whose tasks it is to afford them that privilege during this hot weather. Last night at midnight the thermometer stood at 92 in our editorial room and in our composition room the compositors napped their faces and picked up their type with the

mercury marking 102. We fear that our people must prepare to be disappointed by the revisions of the census. Those who have been looking for a population of 20,000 must come down two or three. The fact seems to be that Norwich has a smaller population now than she had five or six years ago, owing to the failure of the great mechanical enterprises and the falling off in trade and business generally since the war. Our capitalists must, however, face the facts with composure, take a new stock of energy and enterprise abroad and work for a brilliant future.

Notes of Fashion: Overcoats and winter garments for the present season differ but little from those of the last year. They are principally made of linen and unbuttoned at the throat. Fur gloves with long groundlets are not much worn. In fact moths are gradually taking their places. We observe that an enterprising apothecary has imported a

fountain from which is drawn hot soda water. It has proved a success and thousands have quenched their thirst thereat during the last ten days. Gasolines lined with dannel and thick, tight pantaloons are now in style and are very appropriate for the season. The sidewalks in some parts of the city are in such a condition that the first fall of snow will render them slippery and dangerous. We regret to say that coal is rising and warm clothing is dear. Heaven help the poor.

July 28, 1870—To say that the drinking fountain on Union Square is uglier than sin would make it rather attractive than otherwise in the city, and therefore we only remark that if intended as a work of art it is a failure and if as a fountain it is dried up. No water issues from its lips and the old well which for years furnished the thirsty with a cooling draft has been nailed up. But then, the fountain makes a good hitching post.

Just as the weather began to be a little cool and life began to have some charm the tide of organ grinders set in and all day yesterday they ground their boxes while other people ground their teeth. However, "Champagne Charlie" on a hand organ is about as refreshing as Mary, the blue Savitar's Tombs on a whizzing melodion.

Either the city streets should be widened or the enterprising young man who drives the water cart should take a rest in his machine, for in some places he sweeps the sidewalks as well as the carriage way. Water is a good thing but people like to apply it to themselves.

July 29, 1870—Owing to the continued drought manufacturers dependent on water power are in alarm and millmen declare that the price of mill must be raised, as pumps and wells never known before to be exhausted are dried up.

Jacob Vester was prostrated Monday by a sunstroke but is now recovering. Mr. Vetter had walked from Allyn's Point to the city arriving much heated and exhausted and predisposed to the "coup de soleil," which he received on the street.

This morning about half past two a fire was discovered in the frame building at 13 and 15 Franklin street. The Wauregan Hook and Ladder was first on the ground and with a well directed and forcible stream soon had the fire under control, although on their arrival it was blazing up freely. The flames nearly enveloping the whole front of the building.

July 30, 1870—At a meeting of the board of education for the central district yesterday afternoon Miss Lucy M. Jilson was appointed to fill the vacancy in the secondary department of the School street school caused by the resignation of Miss Sarah C. Jacobs. Mrs. George Robinson was appointed to fill Miss Jilson's place. James Greenwood was chosen to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of L. H. Chester.

The fountain on Union Square opposite the Otis Library was repaired yesterday. Several of the families in the vicinity depend upon it for their supply of water and its useless condition has caused great annoyance. The watering trough on Franklin street which from time immemorial has quenched the thirst of tired beasts was yesterday removed.

The British yacht Cambria, passed Sandy Hook at 2:25 Wednesday afternoon one hour and ten minutes ahead of the American boat, Dauntless, in the ocean race that took twenty-three days and five hours from Old Kinsale Head. The Cambria proceeded up the bay flying the Stars and Stripes from her forepeak. She was attended by numerous yachts, tugs and crafts of various descriptions and came to anchor off Stanton, S. I. The greatest day's run was 236 miles, made by the Dauntless. The ships lost sight of each other on July 4th a short time after leaving the starting point.

A wire cableway, suggested by an American Red Cross officer, now conveys firewood across an unbridged chasm to the poverty-stricken inhabitants of Podgoritz, Montenegro, says Popular Science Magazine.

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## SUNDAY SUBJECTS

The subject of the Christian Science service Sunday morning in the Thayer Building will be Love.

At the Holiness Mission, 37—Main street, praise and prayer service at 10 a. m. Bible class and Sunday school at 2 p. m. Preaching at 3 and 7 p. m.

At Trinity Episcopal church, there will be holy communion and sermon at 10:30 a. m. The congregation of Christ church is cordially invited to attend.

At Greenville Congregational church, Rev. Charles H. Ricketts, pastor, Rev. W. S. MacIntyre of Tarrant, Mass., will speak Sunday morning. Subject, Man's Greatest Product.

At the Central Baptist church, Rev. A. P. Purkiss, pastor, sermon morning and evening by Rev. Peter C. Wright, D. D. of Hartford. Sunday school at 10:45 a. m. men's Bible class at noon. E. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

At Mount Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Blake, pastor. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Sunday school at noon. E. Y. P. U. at 6:45 p. m. Communion will be observed in the evening.

At Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by Rev. Charles A. Northrup. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Epworth League at 4:30, put-off-door service at Sunset Rock.

At the First Baptist church, George Henry Strouse, minister. Rev. H. E. Anderson will preach at the morning service. Theme, The Unchanging Christ. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Bible school at 12 o'clock.

## NORWICH TOWN

At the First Methodist Episcopal church the Tuesday evening prayer meetings are to be omitted during August.

Fred Heath and son, Fred Heath, Jr., of Groton recently visited relatives on Elm avenue.

Mrs. William Farrar of Torrington came to Norwich Thursday for a lengthy visit at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Smith, of 20 Town street.

Miss Madeline Marquardt of Groton has been a guest this week at the parsonage on Elm avenue. Miss Marquardt is a niece of Mrs. Gordon F. Bailey.

James Lynch has returned to Williamstown following two weeks' stay at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, of East Town street.

Miss Muriel Blanche Rose of Danversville is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose, of Wauwecus Hill. Miss Doris Estelle Rose has been at her grandparents' home since the first of June.

In observance of the birthday of Mr. Edwin Pratt of Vergennes avenue and that of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alphonse Peck's Corner, which date fell on Friday, a few friends were entertained at afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Alphonse.

Miss Pauline Chapdelaine returned on Thursday afternoon to her home in Putnam after ten days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bennett of 15 Town street. Roy Waldo, who also was a guest for a few days at the Bennett home, returned to Putnam Wednesday.

Alexander G. Kilroy, a former Norwich town young man, who is making a special course at Bellevue hospital in New York, is expected to arrive Monday to pass a vacation of two weeks at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Brookshire, of Town street.

Since the trolley fare from Franklin square to Yantic was raised to ten cents, Harland's Corner, which is the five cent limit, has become a popular waiting place for those who live near by and do not feel inclined to pay the extra five for only a short distance beyond. This is noticed more particularly during afternoons and evenings, with groups averaging from four to twelve are observed getting on and off at this waiting place.

Mayor Fined Sir William Fayland, M.D., of Deptford, was fined three guineas and ten guineas costs at Greenwich recess for aiding and abetting in an offence under the Lotteries Act.

His worship was the principal organizer of a Derby War Memorial fund, the funds of the Miller Hospital, Greenwich.

It was admitted that it was to be a bona fide draw and that Sir William was actuated by the highest motives, but it was urged if the draw was allowed unscrupulous persons might be encouraged to promote swindles that were only swindles.

Sheep's Nerve For How soldiers who had operations of their nerves blown away had them rejoin by the grafting in lengths of animals' nerves was told by Sir Charles Ballance at the Royal Society of Arts Hall, London, recently.

"An officer was wounded in the arm," he said, "and two inches of nerve were blown away. I went to the butcher and told him I wanted a piece of a sheep's sciatic nerve. He killed a sheep and while the nerve was still alive I cut it out and grafted it in immediately. That officer made a complete recovery."

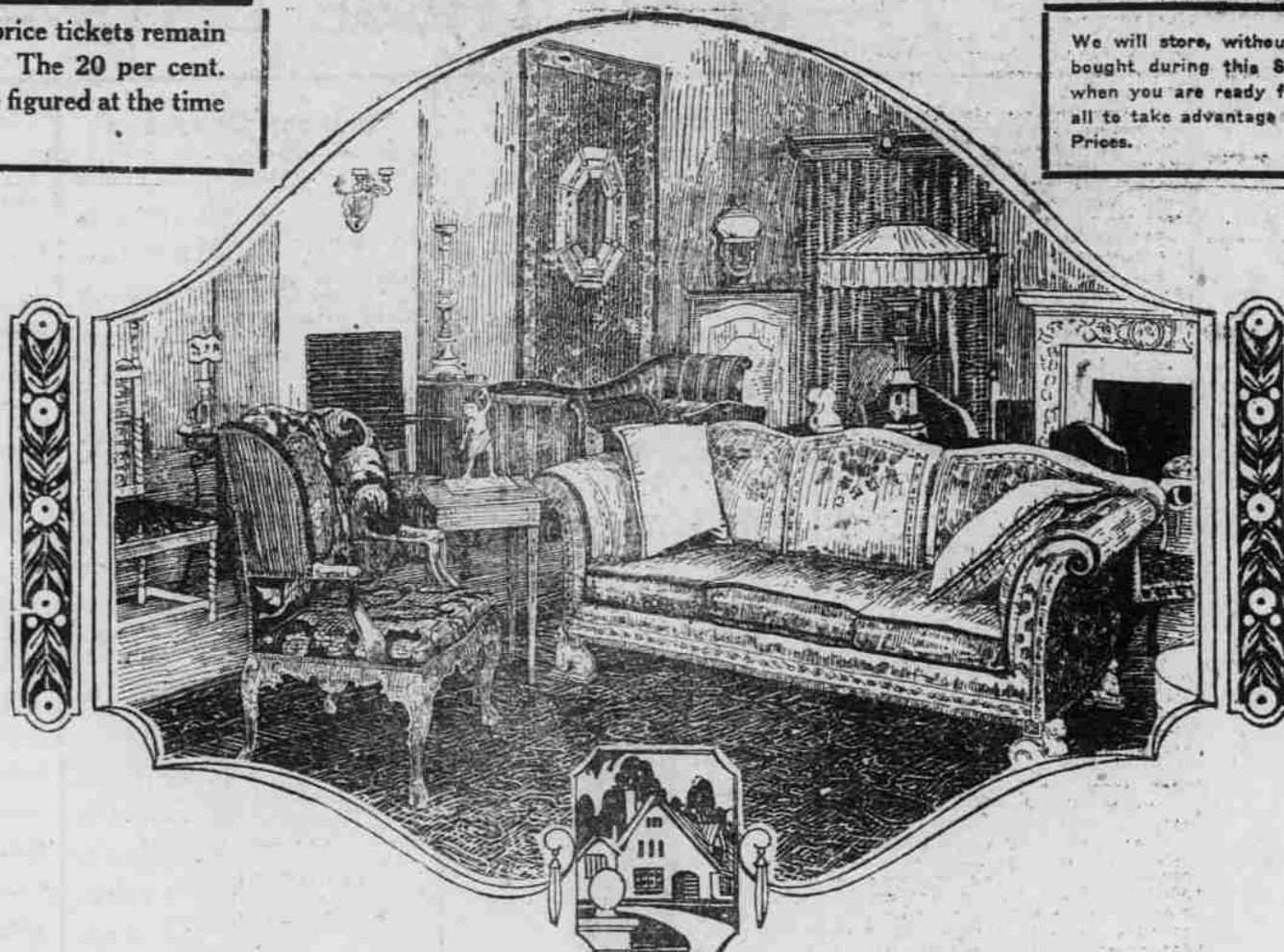
Force of Habit A building formerly used as a saloon in Weston, Wis., has been turned into a church. It was said some of the communicants thought they tried the back door on Sunday. Milwaukee Journal.

Even Silkworm Turns The price of silk shirts shows that the silkworm has turned. Minneapolis Journal.

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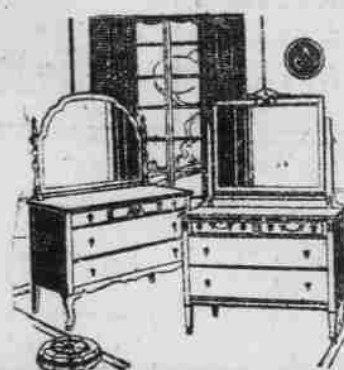
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